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Sea Gull Century returns to Salisbury

By Sean Gossard
News Editor

This rainy Saturday marked Salisbury University's 18th annual Sea Gull Century.

Nearly 3,000 participants braved the rain for the 100-mile bike ride around Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties.

Originally 6,000 riders registered for the event but with cold rain coming down all day only about half were estimated to have shown up. For the last two years rain has been an issue with the Sea Gull Century.

Around Assateague Island the problem was not the rain as much as the wind reported Amy Waters, the event coordinator.

Many of the bikers who choose to stay through the rain decided to do the shorter 100-kilometer route, approximately 64 miles.

While some riders bike for fun many were in the Sea Gull Century for a charity this weekend.

This year the Team in Training group, a sports training group designed to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, raised nearly \$800,000 for cancer research.

Up until three years ago the Team in Training group was primarily for Maryland riders but now has nearly 250 riders from ten different states including Iowa, Minnesota, Texas, Nebraska and California.

Sea Gull Century also has a long standing with supporting Habitat for Humanity. When bikers sign up to ride they have the option for contributing to Habitat. Last year donations reached \$6,742.

Riders can also make donations to the Salisbury University Scholarship Fund or support the League of American Bicyclists.

Sea Gull Century began in 1989 when 68 riders from the University bike club rode around the area as a friendly challenge. Now 16 years later nearly 6,000 riders from all around the country make their way to Salisbury for the 100 mile ride.



Photos Courtesy of Todd Dudek/
The Daily Times

Approximately 3,000 riders from across the country braved the cold, rainy Saturday for the 100 mile ride of the Sea Gull Century. The ride circulates through Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties.



2006 Homecoming events hit home

By Sarah Lake
Staff Writer

SU's 2006 Homecoming Week events kick off Monday, October 9th and will run into the wee hours of Sunday, October 15.

Colleen Maier, the SGA's Vice President of University Affairs and the head of the Homecoming committee, has lined up numerous events for students that are designed to boost school spirit and overall student morale.

Voting for Homecoming king and queen will be available on the SU SGA website starting at midnight on Monday. The nominees for queen are Sara Lowery, Wendy Finley, Sara Pagano, and Meghan Elder. The nominees for king are David Del Grosso, Erik Fooksman, John Ridenour, and Byron Westbrook. To cast a vote, visit the SGA website at <http://www.salisbury.edu/campusgov/sga/> and log

in with your SU network information.

Paint Wars will be held in the quad on Monday at 3:30 p.m. There will be two games: freshmen versus sophomores and juniors versus seniors. Participants should wear a white t-shirt and should expect that t-shirt to be covered in paint by the end of the event. The teams will be divided by a line that they are not permitted to step over. Each team will be provided with balloons filled with either gold or maroon paint. The class that is covered with the most paint by the time the balloons are gone loses the match.

SU's first ever Wing Eating Contest will be held in the Pergola on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. There will be six contestants: two e-mail entries, two athletic team members, and two crowd members. The crowd members will be chosen randomly by SGA members who will

show preference to those students displaying outstanding school spirit.

Participants will have two minutes to eat thirty wings. The student who eats the most wings will receive an over-sized George Foreman grill as a grand prize. All contestants will receive complimentary prizes for participating. Audience members will get free wings provided by the Salisbury Applebee's.

Gull Factor, SU's personalized version of the popular TV show Fear Factor, will be held in Maggs Gym on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Maier, being careful not to divulge too much information about the stunts, said, "I will say that it involves bugs, strength, and all kinds of craziness."

The grand prize for this event will be numerous gift certificates including \$25 at Applebee's and \$50 at Target. All participants will receive prizes and audience members will be free to participate in any one of

the numerous stunts.

The SU Pep Rally will be held in Maggs Gym on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Athletic teams, cheerleaders, and the Untouchables Dance Squad will be performing to boost school spirit. Following these performances, there will be a dance-off and a talent show. Participation is open to the audience and there will be numerous prizes; including a gift card for free Panera Bread for one year. Maier said, "Talents can be anything ranging from being able to wrap yourself in a pretzel to burping the alphabet. The crowd will choose who has the most talent."

The first 250 students to arrive for the Pep Rally will receive free t-shirts and everyone who attends will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win various prizes.

SU's Battle of the Bands will be held in Red Square on Friday at 3:30 p.m. Participants are all-student bands looking for exposure.

Each band will play two songs and the audience will determine the winner. First prize for this event is a guaranteed spot in the upcoming Spring Concert and free airtime on WXSU. There will also be giveaways for all students attending the concert.

Currently standing at a record of 2-3, the SU Varsity football team will be playing SUNY Morrisville on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Homecoming King and Queen will be announced at half-time.

For those students who do not attend the game, the SU Block Party will be held in the Intramural Fields from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. There will be twenty student clubs holding numerous activities including henna tattooing, water balloon shooting, and a dunking booth.

The SGA will distribute Spirit Points to student organization members who attend any of the aforementioned events. The stu-

dent organizations with the most Spirit Points at the end of the week will receive cash prizes. First place will receive \$300, second place will receive \$200, and third place will receive \$100.

Homecoming week will wrap up on Saturday night with a dance hosted by the Union of African American Students (UAS). The dance will run from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 am in the Wicomico Room of the GUC. DJ Ice Luv, of Annapolis, will provide the music. Tickets will be for sale at the Information Desk on Friday and Saturday. Students who purchase their tickets on Friday will pay \$3 and students who purchase their tickets on Saturday will pay \$5.

The SGA strongly encourages students to take part in the Homecoming Week events. Maier said, "Everyone should come out and show their support of the school. It should be a lot of fun!"

Story Brief

FH suffers heartbreaking loss

Catholic University's field hockey team stormed the field with delight as the final seconds ticked off their 1-0 victory over Salisbury University last Wednesday. The loss was No. 4 ranked Salisbury's (9-3 CAC 2-1) third in a row, and was their first home loss in 72-straight home games dating back to November 2000.

The loss was also Salisbury's first home Capital Athletic Conference defeat since October 1, 1994 when they lost to Mary Washington 1-0, a streak of 52 straight games. Salisbury had won 37 straight conference games dating back more than five years.

Choptank assault cuts deep into student body

By Shanley Crutchfield
Editor in Chief
Correspondent: Chris Gilbert

A second-floor resident of Choptank Hall was stabbed in his own cluster on Sept. 22. The victim was stabbed in the arm and taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center, where he was quickly treated and released later that day.

An emergency call was placed to the University Police around 2:30 a.m. Officers apprehended SU student Hassan Kamara, the only known suspect at this time. Kamara was charged with assault in the first and second degrees, as

well as reckless endangerment.

"We all hope to look at this as an isolated incident," said Edwin Cowell, Dean of Students.

Further action has not been confirmed, regarding university or legal actions.



Photo by Brian McMullen/The Flyer

14th annual Night of the Living Zoo starts Friday

By Sean Gossard
News Editor

The Salisbury Zoo will hold its annual "Night of the Living Zoo" on Friday, October 13, and Saturday, October 14, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Zoo.

Now in its 14th year, the event draws about 5,000 participants from around the community. Last year donations reached around \$30,000 with the proceeds benefiting the zoo and its conservation projects.

This year, several communications students, along with Professor Chrys Egan, are joining the Salisbury Zoo to help in a con-

servation project.

In collaboration with Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), this project will help to reintroduce the Northern Pine Snake to the Delmarva Peninsula in 2007. This is made possible by a federally funded state wildlife grant, secured by the DNR.

"Night of the Living Zoo" is a fun way to educate and entertain children from around the community.

Tickets are \$3 for kids and \$6 for adults if bought in advance, or \$5 for kids and \$8 for adults at the door.



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MAGGS WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

4:00-5:00 Yoga Step Step

7:00-8:00 Hip-Hop Step Hip-Hop

-NO NEED TO SIGN UP
-STEP AND HIP-HOP WILL BE HELD IN MAGGS UPSTAIRS MULTI-PURPOSE GYM

-YOGA WILL BE HELD IN THE MAGGS DOWNSTAIRS DANCE STUDIO



Crime beat

09/30/06 10:00 PM

Assault Off Campus
A student reported being assaulted while riding a bicycle along Smith St. The investigation is being conducted by Salisbury Police.

10/01/06 3:36-4:35 AM

Intoxicated Subject
University Police responded to the Caruthers Parking Lot for an intoxicated student who had "passed out". Salisbury EMS transported the student to PRMC for treatment.

10/03/06 1:38 PM

Theft
A student reported that a textbook had been stolen from the Commons Building near the UDS cashier station. The book had been left unattended.

10/03/06 2:24 PM

Theft
A student reported that a bicycle was stolen from Henson Hall. The bicycle was secured to the bike rack with a chain style lock.

10/03/06 3:45-6:56 PM

Theft
A student reported that an MP3 player and watch were stolen from a secured locker in the Maggs Gym men's locker room.

10/06/06 12:15 AM

Alcohol Violation
Three underage students were found to be in possession of alcoholic beverages in Seven Hall. The students were each issued a civil citation.

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Have fun and we look forward to working with you!

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EDITORIAL

October 10, 2006

Overheard: Who has better donuts: Dunkin' Donuts or Krispy Kreme?

Photos and article by: Brian McMullen



"I prefer Krispy Kreme's."
- Colleen Maier, junior



"Dunkin Donuts are so much better."
- Elizabeth Wright, freshman



"I'd go with Krispy Kreme."
- Jessica Daniels, freshman



"Dunkin Donut's is the way to go."
- Katie McGrath, senior



"I'd rather have Dunkin' Donuts."
- Lucy Biayemi, sophomore



"I'll go with Krispy Kreme anyday."
- Ronald Seldon, junior

~SUDOKU~

The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

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6		1						
5	2	4					7	3
6		7	3	4				9
							7	
3	8				5	9	6	
					1	2		
9	6	4					1	2

Solution to last week's puzzle:

2	9	3	5	6	7	8	4	1
5	1	8	9	3	4	6	7	2
7	4	6	8	2	1	5	9	3
1	3	2	7	9	8	4	6	5
6	5	9	4	1	3	2	8	7
8	7	4	2	5	6	3	1	9
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offense to anybody who calls the Eastern Shore home, but this is not the cultural center of the U.S.

Do you think that wearing a pink shirt, spending \$200 on uncomfortable shoes and exfoliating with some frou-frou Swiss Alps body wash will get you laid? You are sadly mistaken. More so, you should probably take some time to re-evaluate your priorities and belief systems. Bottom line—if your personality sucks, you can't communicate well, and you spend more time in front of the mirror than your girl does, no amount of Starbucks coffee lattes will get you in a woman's good graces.

"Metrosexual" is not a new thing. Despite the fact of being a "metrosexual" died out three years ago, men have been wearing fancy shoes, flashy designer clothing, and getting their hair and nails done for decades. They were called pimps. Remember them? They were real big back in the 70's and 80's. They rode in big Cadillacs. They didn't make a big deal out of either. It was just a way of life, not a style that was pushed by magazines.

Now I'm mixed, so I can get away with a lot when it comes to clothing and style. On any given day, I can wear Kenneth Cole dress shoes and a Ralph Lauren button up with an Emanuel Ungaro blazer, look good, and feel completely comfortable in it because it's what I want to wear. On other days, I'll wear Akademiks jeans with an LRG hoodie, some Timbuk2s, and a fitted hat and still be just as comfortable. Either outfit, IT DOESN'T MATTER!

Maybe I'm taking this a little too far. This was just a small article that will probably be forgotten in a few weeks. Maybe I should write about more pressing issues like dropping the SAT scores so they can accept more students and receive more money from the state to build on the limited land we have left. Or the lack of parking that everyone talks about. Instead, I'm standing up for every regular person on sensible clothing, smell nice, and don't be a jerk! guy around the world that is living when other people think we want to be remotely like them. The REAL fact of the matter is, most metrosexual men have a lot of displaced issues that they try to fix by buying a bunch of crap that doesn't mean much of anything. Just be yourself. Don't spend so much time worrying about what other people are doing or wearing. That's what insecure people do.

PS- No self-respecting man ever watches Dr. Phil.

Out of the Suggestion Box

This column is based on the comments and concerns of students, faculty, and staff via the suggestion boxes placed around SU's campus. The President's Office seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be fixed, but a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

From the Suggestion Box in Guerrieri University Center:

"Tall marsh grasses were on fire outside of the Guerrieri building today. In the last 6 weeks there has not been enough rain to put out a fire. To put out the fire, I had to take 2 large buckets of water and stamp out the marsh grass fire. On campus, there is lots of marsh grass. Put out our High Fire Alert signs, especially around Magg!!" -Susan

Rebecca Rosing-Johnson, Grounds and Horticulture Manager, responded:

Luckily, this was an isolated incident. Even during periods of little rain, we do our best to keep the campus fully irrigated. This helps to minimize plant stress as well as fire danger.

October is Maryland Campus Fire Safety month. We remind everyone to dispose of cigarette butts in the proper receptacles and to be conscious of throwing anything outside that could be hazardous.

From the Suggestion Box in Henson Hall:

"It is always too cold on the 2nd floor of Henson. Both classrooms and offices are too cold. My students always complain, and now I'm complaining too."

Tim Jones, Physical Plant Energy Manager, offered the following response:

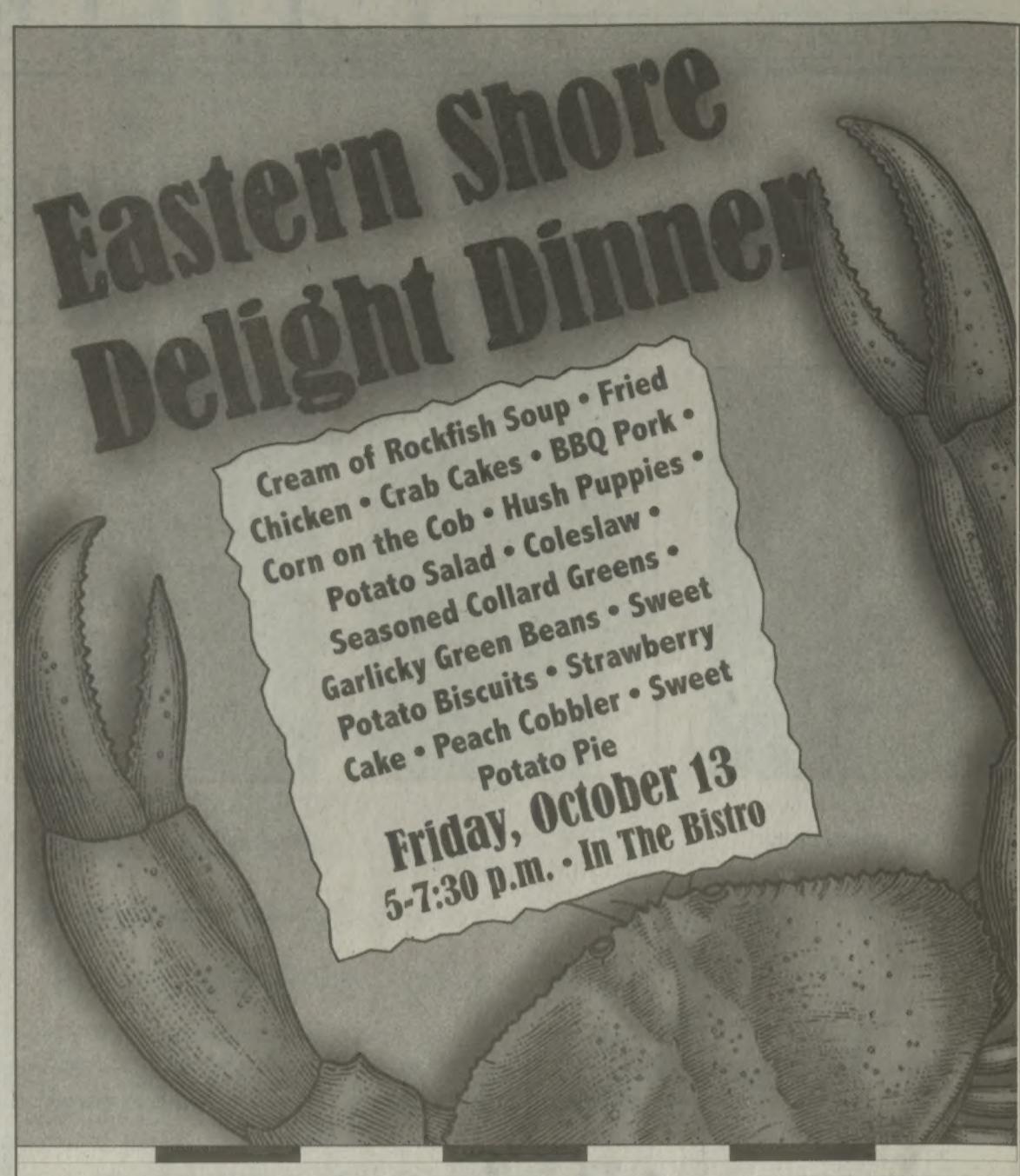
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Student Spotlight

Nationally ranked shooter starts club at SU

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

It's not every day that you meet a nationally ranked shooter. Let alone, one with a pink gun.

Leslie Miller is a junior at SU who is working hard toward her accounting major, with a minor in communications. She is originally from Caroline County, and attended North Carolina High School. She works every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Marvel and Emche, a law firm in town. On top of all of that she is re-established the Gun Club and is the president.

"I got my first Anshutz rifle when I was about 16. And yes, it is pink. From there I started doing some of the USA Shooting matches up at the Naval Academy and stuff," Miller explains. "I finally got my Distinguished Expert which means I can score at least 98 out of 100."

The Gun Club seems to be a big hit on campus as Miller had hoped it would be.

"I am very proud to say that we have 75 members in our first month, 25 of which are girls," Miller says.

One thing that the sport lacks is the interest of women. So, Miller is extremely excited to have so many girls come out and try something

new. So I figured someone should just man up and start the club up already!"

Miller started shooting when she was eight because she would go along with her brother and his friends. She hit her first target after about a year of practicing with her brother. After that, things all went up hill for her.

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"There's so few girls in the sport, so it's really great to have so many who have never shot before, as well as my girly-girl friends who were forced in, to really learn and enjoy shooting," Miller explains. "They have been doing really well at the all girl trips, so hopefully we will soon be ready for a Gun Club Battle of the Sexes Shootout!"

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Gun Club has two advisors, Jim Miller and Glen Phillips. The club also works closely with Dave's Sports Shop and Delmarva Sporting Clays.

"The club as a whole is such a good group of people too," Miller says. "I really encourage anyone to at least come out with us at least once. You can check us out on Facebook under SU Gun Club and throughout Homecoming week."

On top of being the President of the Gun Club and shooting every Sunday, she is constantly trying to do well in school, and goes to work three times a week. So, Miller has to work hard to stay on top of things.

"I probably have some of the greatest friends ever to help me out, it hasn't been that bad," Miller says.

When asked what the most difficult part of her academic life was, Miller thought quickly. "Definitely reading my accounting book; it puts me to sleep every time," she smiles.

After graduating from SU, Miller hopes to be an accountant at a construction company somewhere. She also plans on getting a bigger truck.



Photo by Carlena Mattiello/The Flyer

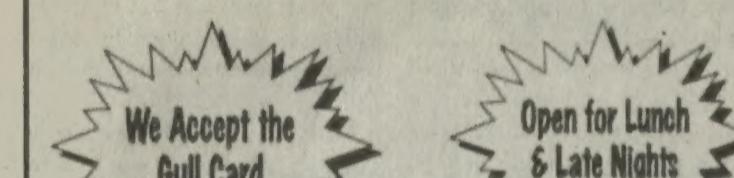
With Miller's big goals and successes with shooting, one thing is for sure: you don't want to mess with

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DE's first organic cookie company builds business from backyard up

By Carlena Mattiello
Life & Style Editor

Artificial ingredients. Preservatives. Trans fats. High fructose corn syrup. Hydrogenated oils. These ingredients are not typically what people readily admit they want to put into their bodies everyday. Like many health conscious consumers in the United States today, one couple from Milton, DE—Mark and Kelly Leishear—couldn't agree more. However, they were not content to sit and let big business decide what they and their children were going to eat.

As the parents of two young children, the Leishears knew there had to be a solution to the increasingly processed snacks kids today were being fed. So, they did what any conventional husband and wife would do when faced with a problem: they set out to change the way the world thought about food—one cookie at a time.

Kids. They are another market to consider. "Surprise! Kids won't always eat the foods you give them," Kelly laughs. Another surprise: organic food available on the market tastes better. However, Kelly has devised multiple recipes to the approval of both her children and the public.

And it is the cookies that remain the company's center of attention. The demand for great-tasting organic snacks has increased over the past several years and continues to grow daily. "I just can't make them fast enough," Kelly laughs. "Our cookies provide an alternative to artificial ingredient-laden, processed foods without losing taste—so, it's possible to do. We just decided to actually offer the choice to the market, and they're doing really well," Kelly says.

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Their daughter Bella became the face and name for the company. "A reminder that little bodies are growing bodies, and growing bodies just shouldn't have certain things," Kelly says. And so, Bella's Cookies, "Delaware's First All Natural and Organic Cookie Company," was born.

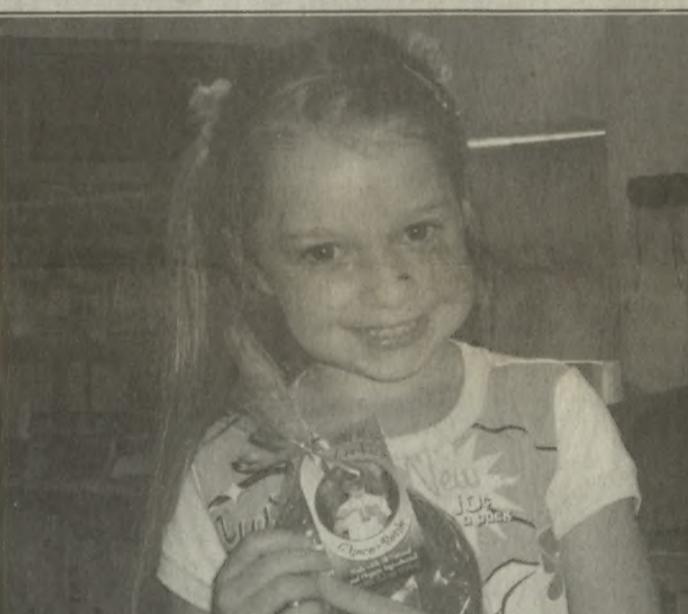
Perhaps one of the most unique aspects of this family run-business is the proximity of the company's "heart and soul" to the Leishears' household: their commercial-sized kitchen and manufacturing center was constructed in their own backyard—literally.

"It was probably the easiest decision we made," Mark admits. Easy decision, yes; however, the process was a little more involved. A shed and septic system had to be moved, and their well had to be reclassified as a public well, which meant it had to be drilled. A custom water treatment system was installed to purify the water to the highest of quality. Plumbing, gas and electric all had to be set up. Their driveway was also extended 50 feet in order to give delivery trucks easy access to the kitchen.

Additionally, their children are involved with the process. These cookie come with fun stories of their origins and Bella's character in each story is even printed on the label. Both children help with placing stickers and ribbons on each cookie, too. A cookie with entertainment value? Kids love it.

They also carry a line of breakfast cookies, which are vegan and packed with daily health essentials. They can even be considered as a meal replacement. "You might describe their taste as a cross between a cookie, pie and a muffin," Mark says.

Prices vary from seller to seller, with their personal website selling a two-cookie pack for \$3.50. However, with each cookie having the diameter of about a regulation



From Seattle to Los Angeles, Florida and Maine: we've pretty much hit the four corners of the U.S."

SU has even gotten into the action. Currently, Cool Beans offers a variety from their collection.

So, the cookies are selling—and quickly.

"Our kitchen is almost at maximum capacity," Kelly explains. "Right now, I am doing about one thousand cookies in dough work a day." But how big is too big? Kelly wonders. "You always have to ask yourself, 'How big do you want to go?' Too big, and you run the risk of losing those fundamentals that made your product so great." Even on a small scale, Kelly says it is impossible to take a batch recipe and multiply it by 100. "The cookies just don't turn out the same," she says.

This is just another issue to be addressed on a pile of "trial and error." At the rate the business is growing, they know they will eventually have to move from their cozy backyard kitchen to a bigger facility, but plans to leave aren't in the works quite yet.

The Leishears are seeing their hard work pay off and they are extremely happy. "It's one thing to have a great idea. But actually bring it to the market—to see your idea go from a concept to a product and know that you made it happen is a great feeling and an even greater accomplishment," Mark adds.

They admit that hasn't been easy, but nothing worth the struggle is. And just for the record, when the face and name behind the company was asked what her favorite cookie was, Bella was quick to answer. "Choco-Bomb," she grinned. "Well, for the moment anyway," her mom laughs. "It'll be something different tomorrow."



Mr. Advice

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Don't be shy, ask anything!

Hey Mr. A, asking for a bit of advice here. Why does it always seem to end in aggravation with people when there's a heated discussion? I mean with my friends and family, they always seem to be pissed off when the conversation is over with. Could it be that I'm just imagining things or what? If it isn't, no one has really said anything to me about it so I'm just curious whether or not I'm just making these things up.

A lot of times we are unsure of how we come off to others. There are also times when we "think" we know how we come off to other people. If it always seems to be that way that someone walks away pissed, there is a chance that maybe it's how the conversation progresses and finishes. Here are a couple of questions to ask yourself—Am I interrupting them a lot? Do I tell them that they are wrong often? Would it be possible that they don't think I'm listening or have heard what they said? Even with the discussion being simple but they still get mad, could be because their lines are being crossed. For example, if someone says how they feel about something and you constantly interrupt them, they could be getting mad at the fact that you are constantly interrupting them rather than the fact that you might be disagreeing with their opinion. So it goes back to the questions I've stated before. However, in the case that you are curious about what others are thinking about, just ask and LISTEN. Try not to interrupt them and just hear them because you just might learn something new.

I hate nothing more than to be caught in something that involves dilemmas. Recently, I found out that my girlfriend's family, which is scattered all over the nation, is coming to visit and they all want to meet me. This is really good news because I have been with her for a couple years and we are going to get married when we leave. However, on the same day that I am to visit the family falls on the same day of my sister's child's first birthday and she wants me to be there. And to top it off, the location of both events stops me from being able to attend both. I really do, however, want to meet the family to make good impressions! Help!

That is quite the dilemma because you want to meet her family without upsetting your own. These decisions are always tough to make but this is life and they do happen. One thing that helps you to solve it is that you know what you want to do, which is to visit and meet the family for future purposes and for the fact that it doesn't happen often at all. Location is a problem in this situation because it prevents knocking two birds out with one stone. A solution to that would be next year's attendance at the birthday party. Either event you decide to attend, I'm sure that if you explain your self that no one should be upset because you mean no disrespect and only have good intentions. I am not telling you to attend one versus the other and nor should you feel commanded to be at either one. This should be a decision that you have thought out well, which it seems that you have.

ADVICE OF THE WEEK:
Being active or involved in school is quite important. In fact, even if you have amazing grades and are looking to further your education, schools actually look for extracurricular activities because people skills are just as important. Being book smart is great, but tying the knot with people skills will help you in future. Also, if your focus is towards a specific major where you can have job experience in that field, do so. Get the experience before applying because knowing what you'll be getting into is also important. Grad schools look for that as well. For example, a friend of mine heard about someone they knew who had a 4.0 but had not a drop of experience in the field that they were studying apply to a grad school program. This person was denied entrance and one of the possible reasons could have been no experience in the field, internships, or activities. Your resume will increase your chances by having experience. So get out there!

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Faculty Spotlight

SU presents two Perdue school professors with Mentor awards

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

Teachers: they are there to help students as well as guide them. Whatever the issue may be, teachers constantly have their student's best interests in mind. This may be why Kathleen Wright and Dustin Chambers have each won the 2006 Mentor Award, presented to them by SU.

Wright has been a faculty member at SU for six years. During her time here, she has attempted to find ways to make her students classroom experience a painless and smooth process. And with the added funding that comes with the award, she continues to find new ways to help students.

No one ever said learning had to be painful. Wright was awarded for a program she had been developing for a hybrid course. "I had been working on this particular course for awhile and I was hoping to share what I learned with other faculty," she explains.

Chambers has been an assistant professor of economics and finance since 2004 and also received the 2006 Mentor Award. When he found out he was chosen, he was more than happy to accept on behalf of his project. "Needless to say I felt honored that the committee wanted to fund my project," he believes this new program will

says. "I knew that many good proposals had been submitted, so I wasn't sure if I would be funded."

His mission is to create a website that allows students to submit rough drafts and revisions of term papers to be evaluated by fellow students. Papers are always some of the roughest points of college. Many students get stumped, which is why there are such programs as the University Writing Center.

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